

**GAME WITH WINNING OUTCOME WHEN SYMBOLS
ARE ARRANGED IN LINKED COMBINATION**
ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention comprises a method of playing or presenting a game and a gaming system. In one embodiment, a matrix of indicia or symbol positions is provided and indicia or symbols are displayed in the positions of the matrix. Winning combinations of indicia comprise two or more indicia located in connecting or "linked" relationship anywhere within the matrix. In one embodiment, a player's bet determines how many indicia are displayed in the matrix. In another embodiment, the player's bet determines the ways a winning combination is determined.

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